



Tesch calls for more open space for dogs

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has called for more open spaces that cater to dogs.

She said that major park upgrades had been announced across the Peninsula, with \$1.5 million allocated to Rogers Park, Woy Woy, and another \$8.25 million for the Umina Skate Park and Precinct Redevelopment.

"When park infrastructure is updated, it is a consideration that needs to be taken into account more often," she said.

"When managed effectively, considering both public safety and animal welfare, it is possible for

more of our public areas to be off-leash.

"There are many accessible and appropriate areas where we can do this."

She said Central Coast Council was expected to endorse a responsible dog ownership strategy this year which would consider the management and location of off-leash areas.

"The solutions don't need to be expensive.

"It can be as simple as timed periods for off-leash dog access, or temporary fencing."

Ms Tesch hoped that these issues would be addressed and

that "our furriest friends will be able to enjoy more of the Central Coast without a lead".

She said dogs fostered healthier communities through opportunities for exercise and socialising with fellow dog-owners.

"Dogs really are our best friends, and they deserve to have access to large open public spaces to play and run.

"The good thing about dogs too is that they encourage us to get out and exercise and engage with other locals."

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Mar 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Pub on the beach

Wet and windy weather, and the adjacent fish and large swells and a flooding chips shop.

Hawkesbury River brought the beach sand up to the entry to the Patonga Hotel

SOURCE:
Photo, 7 Mar 2022
Frank Wiffen, Woy Woy

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Mark Snell, 1 Nov 2021



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Woy Woy carpark project remains while others are scrapped

A \$30 million upgrade of the Woy Woy commuter carpark, announced before the 2019 Federal election, is still listed as an Urban Congestion Fund project despite other less costly projects being cancelled.

The Woy Woy carpark has the highest cost per car space in the list.

Last week, Federal Treasurer

Mr Josh Frydenberg scrapped four carparks planned for his own electorate.

A carpark at Camberwell in the heart of the Treasurer's seat of Kooyong was going to deliver just 90 spaces at a potential cost of \$142,000 per space.

The Woy Woy carpark would provide 140 car spaces a cost of \$211,000 per space.

In a statement to 9News,

the Treasurer said he scrapped the funding after talking to local residents and traders and the local Boroondara Council.

"The Federal Government has decided not to proceed with the funding for the proposed car parks at Canterbury, Glenferrie and Camberwell," Mr Frydenberg said.

SOURCE:
Website, 3 Mar 2022
9news.com.au

Opera at Pearl Beach on Saturday

Opera in the Arboretum will be held from 3pm on Saturday, March 12, at the Crommelin Native Arboretum in Pearl Beach.

The open-air, all-weather, picnic-style annual charity event is organised by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

Singers will include tenor Mr Rosario La Spina, soprano Ms Jane Ede, baritone Mr Jose Carbo and soprano Ms Clarissa Spata.

"After a two-year absence due to Covid-19, we look forward to our 15th Opera in the Arboretum charity event," said club president

Ms Julie Jones.

"Funds raised are distributed to deserving causes, charitable organisations and Rotary projects at home and abroad."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Mar 2022
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

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Diggers donates \$5000 for flood relief

Ettalong Diggers has made a donation of \$5000 "to assist with the coordination, clean up and recovery efforts in flood affected parts of our

state".

"Together with Clubs NSW, our board has approved a donation of \$5000 to our community partners, Disaster Relief Australia," said club chief executive Mr Col Murphy.

"Any donation large or small would greatly be appreciated."

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Mar 2022
Col Murphy, Ettalong Diggers

Call to donate to flood relief

The Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has put out a call to all members to help the flood victims.

"Over the next few weeks, members will be collecting donations from over the Coast and distributing them to various donation points across Newcastle and Sydney to assist with flood relief," said club president Mr Glen Balneaves

"Clothes donations have become overwhelming, so steer clear of those.

"But things like bedding and towels, cleaning products, toiletries and shelf stable food items are a massive help.

"Our clubhouse will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays nights from 6.30pm to 7.30pm for all members to drop off any items that will assist flood victims."

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Mar 2022
Glen Balneaves, SEUFC

Star Jump Challenge

Umina Beach PCYC is taking part in the PCYC Star Jump Challenge from April 3 to 10.

The Challenge is a charity fundraiser to funds for the PCYC youth mental resilience program, GRIT (Growth-mindset Resilience Intervention for Teenagers).

The program aims to build mental resilience, by combining physical well-being and nutrition, with emotional and social intelligence skills.

Participants register for the challenge, and get tips on fundraising, training and planning.

They then ask friends, family, neighbours, schools, sports clubs and workplaces for support.

Participants may star jump individually or in a team.

All donations are tax deductible, because the PCYC is registered as a charity.

Those raising the most will have the chance to win prizes.

SOURCE:
Website, 3 Mar 2022
PCYC Umina

Cancelled

Wet weather was the end of bingo on Wednesday last week (March 2).

Due to heavy rain and some roads being flooded, a number of people could not make it, so the session at Ettalong Diggers was cancelled.

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Mar 2022
Woy Woy Bingo

Fundraiser for Mingaletta

A fundraiser will be held for Mingaletta at the Entertainment Grounds, West Gosford, on Wednesday, April 6.

The fundraiser will see Auntie Di in conversation with Bobbi Murray about her memoir Daughter of the River Country.

The Woy Woy branch of the

Country Women's Association will help the Rotary Club of Gosford City stage the event.

Tickets, which include a three-course dinner, are available through the Rotary club's website at <https://www.gosfordcityrotary.org.au>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Mar 2022
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

February rainfall second highest in 18 years

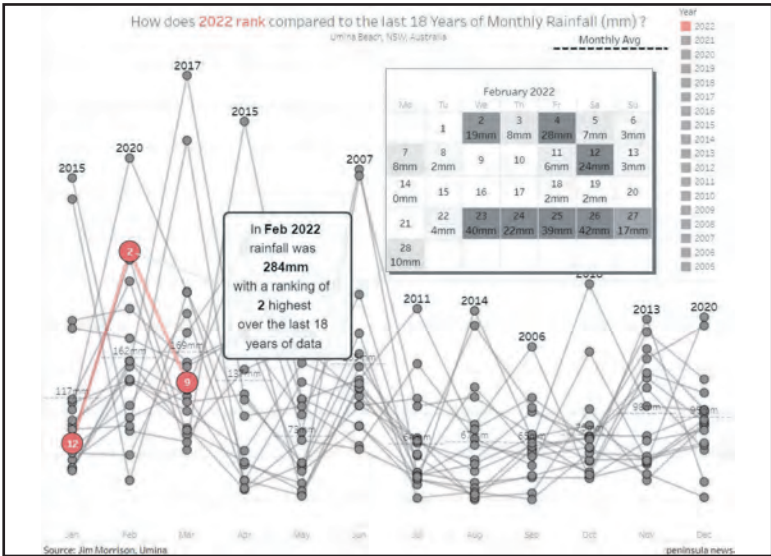
February's rainfall total of 283.5mm was the second highest recorded on the Peninsula for the month in 18 years.

Rain was recorded on 20 days of the month.

The highest February rainfall was in 2020 with 380.4mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

February two years ago had the second highest daily rainfall in 18 years of 160mm, where this year the highest daily total was 41.5mm recorded on February 26.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 4 Mar 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina



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Time to fix West Gosford drainage, says Tesch

It is time to fix the drainage at West Gosford, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

She called on the State Government to “urgently invest in sufficient drainage on Central Coast Hwy” after it flooded on Tuesday, February 22.

She said residents struggled to get their children to school, paramedics were delayed in getting their patients to hospital and workers experienced a huge road block on their way to work.

“I put forward a Notice of Motion in NSW Parliament, calling on the Perrottet Government to invest in improving drainage infrastructure.

“We know the Central Coast Hwy connects the Central Coast to hospitals, schools, businesses and even to Sydney.

“Every day over 70,000 motorists use Central Coast Hwy.

“It’s not hard to find out that the flooding on Tuesday impacted thousands of people.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Feb 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

More than the usual channel activity

Woy Woy channel had more than the usual activity on Saturday morning.

As well as the ferry, there was a group of paddlers enjoying a break in the rain.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Mar 2022
Woy Woy Fishermen’s Wharf

Arboretum plans second ephemeral art trail

The Crommelin Native Arboretum is planning to run its second Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail later this year.

Promoted as PBEAT, the event aims to create inspiring temporary public art that promotes nature conservation, supports community identity and increases the cultural vibrancy, said Arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs.

The theme will be “Only One Earth”, which is the theme for World Environment Day this year.

Contributing community members and artists are asked to take inspiration from the local environment of Pearl Beach and the Peninsula.

Ms Knaggs said a first prize of \$3000 was being offered as a result of sponsorship, with a \$1000 runner-up prize.

“The winners will be judged by the director of the Gosford Art Gallery.

“There will also be a People’s Choice Award of \$1000.”

Ms Knaggs said the event had received funding from Central Coast Council.

Artists can submit a maximum of two art installations, with a submission fee of \$30 for one artwork idea or \$50 for two ideas.



*“Promise of the New” by Margaret and Anna Westcott
2021 Winner People’s Choice Award*

From the artist submissions about 20 artists works will be selected by our curatorial panel which includes experienced sculptors and art administration professionals, as well as a local Aboriginal community representative.

“Around five community projects will also be supported.”

The free event will be open to the public from Saturday, June 11,

until Sunday, July 17.

A number of workshops and other events will be held in conjunction with PBEAT.

Expressions of interest from artists close on April 10.

Email pbeat@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au for further information.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Mar 2022
Mary Knaggs, Crommelin Native Arboretum

Farewell to Bill Jackson

The service of Ettalong Diggers’ former chief executive Mr Bill Jackson has been recognised in a farewell article in the latest issue of Clubs NSW magazine Club Life.

Mr Jackson retired in January, with deputy chief executive Mr Col Murphy stepping into his shoes.

The Club Life article highlights his accomplishments over a hospitality career that spanned 50 years, from his start in Gulgong and including his work across the Central Coast.

Mr Jackson said he advised the Diggers board in November that it was his intention to retire.

“After 50 years in this industry, I am very proud of my achievements, particularly the achievements here at Ettalong Diggers and in



conjunction with the team.

“I take this opportunity to wish Ettalong Diggers, the new CEO Col Murphy and the Ettalong Diggers team all the very best for the future.

“I have told the team that I will visit regularly so will say ‘see-ya-later’ not goodbye.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Mar 2022
Col Murphy, Ettalong Diggers



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Builder wins award for ageing-in-place development

The builder of a new wing for a Umina aged care provider has won an Excellence in Construction Award from the Master Builders' Association.

Grindley Construction has won a 2021 award for Pozieres House, Peninsula Villages' new 114-bed wing.

The development, which opened in late 2020, won the up to \$35 million category of the awards held on February 19.

"We were extremely proud to have partnered with Grindley Construction to develop this premium ageing-in-place development that has now been recognised by the MBA," said Mr Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages retired chief executive who led the project from 2019 to 2021.

"The design of Pozieres House took into consideration how we can meet the consumer-directed care standards more effectively now, and into the future, as well as showcases the beautiful area and surrounds of its location," he said.

The facility was designed by RZK Group.

"It is made up of 111 one-bed premium rooms and three executive suites, all with private



ensuites.

"The building includes an onsite beauty salon, cafe, theatre lounge room, activity space, physio and wellness centre, as well as consulting rooms for easy access to GPs and allied health professionals.

"Pozieres House was born from a fantastic vision from our board of directors and was made possible by our planners, hard work from our builders, and, very importantly,

support from the local community," said Mr Neaves.

"Peninsula Villages has served the Central Coast community for over 40 years – and as an independent not-for-profit provider competing in a challenging industry, this award recognition marks a historic moment for the organisation."

SOURCE:
Website, 20 Feb 2022
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

Mental health sports fund now available

A Mental Health Sports Fund grant program is now available to local sports clubs, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

The funding can be used to expand or introduce mental health, resilience or wellbeing projects as well as collaborate with providers to deliver mental health support, she said.

Ms Tesch is encouraging local sport clubs to apply.

"In light of the recent surge in antisocial youth behaviour, it is absolutely imperative we invest more time and money into supporting mental health in our community, especially to support our young people.

"I know there are many sporting clubs that could utilise this funding to make an impact on their participants which will ultimately spread to impact the community as a whole."

She said that, over the pandemic, many have struggled with mental health issues while others struggled to support family members experiencing challenges with their mental health.

"Lifeline and the Kids Helpline experienced surges over this

period, a very clear indication of the increase in those experiencing mental health crises," she said.

Ms Tesch is working closely with the community to address youth mental health.

"I recently hosted a community meeting where Council representatives and community representatives met to discuss youth mental health.

"It is something very close to my heart and I am sure many in the community as well.

"We have watched heartbreaking and distressing youth activity which is unacceptable.

"We all have a role in addressing mental health early on to prevent and provide support to those who are struggling which is why it is so important all of our local sporting clubs apply for this funding."

The funding is provided in two tiers, the first being up to \$30,000 and the second up to \$150,000.

The grants close today, Monday, March 7.

More information is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/news/mental-health-sports-fund>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Feb 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Major project starts at aged care home

A major building project at a Woy Woy aged care home has started.

"Perimeter builders fencing will start to be put up from today," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie last Tuesday, March 1.

"Around The Shores building itself, the fencing will essentially follow the gutter line of the building, including into the courtyard spaces as these areas are being rebuilt.

"This will allow residents to still access outdoors directly outside their rooms, on their patio areas.

"The undercover area off the main dining area will also remain accessible to residents.

"There will also be site wide fencing established, with the rear of the site essentially fenced off for the builders and contractors.

"As from Monday, March 7, there will be no vehicular access

around the rear of The Shores, other than for builders' access.

"Hospital staff will be entering the car parking to the rear of the site from Vidler Ave.

"Construction access will be via Edward St.

"Residents, staff and visitors are to continue using BlueWave Living main entry off Kathleen St.

"Plans are on display outside the staff room."

Mr Downie said the majority of the work for Stage One involved new construction on both the east and west ends of The Shores building, and new infrastructure and roads to the north of The Shores.

"There will also be works undertaken in rebuilding and expanding our main commercial kitchen as part of Stage One."

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Mar 2022
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

Hospital opens up visiting hours

A local hospital is opening up its visiting hours to allow visitors daily between 10am and 12pm and 6pm and 8pm.

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital will now allow two visitors per patient per day.

Mental health patients who may have one patient per day between the hours of 6pm and 8pm

Masks remain mandatory for all patients and visitors. Visitors may wear cloth masks.

All visitors must show proof of vaccination upon arrival>

They must still check in via the

Health Care QR code which is different to the Service NSW QR code.

All visitors must be 12 years or older.

Visitors should maintain appropriate hand hygiene and physical distancing practices (1.5m) with one person per four square metres

All patients must undergo routine pre-admission screening for infectious diseases status. During the admission process, all patients will be Covid-19 screened.

"The Health Care pre-

screening QR code is compliant with NSW Health and NSW Services Check In system, as it captures not just check information but also important health related pre-screening information to help keep our staff, patients and local community safe," said hospital chief executive Ms Debba Ritter.

"Save time on the day of your visit to the hospital, by completing our pre-screening questionnaire on your smart phone at healthcare/brisbanewaters."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Feb 2022
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

Film night raises \$600 for polio campaign

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has raised \$644 through a movie night to go toward the End Polio Now Campaign.

Patrons watched the movie The Duke, which was screened last Tuesday night, March 1.

"What a wonderful result, given the inclement weather and only just recent relaxing of Covid restrictions," said club president Ms Julie Jones.

"Patrons were treated to a choc-top ice cream and there were lucky door prizes too."

Ms Jones said the End Polio Now Campaign was started by Rotary International globally in 1985 and since then had helped immunise more than 2.5 billion children.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Mar 2022
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is calling on Prime Minister Mr Scott Morrison and the Federal Health Minister Mr Greg Hunt to put the drug Trikafta on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for the treatment of cystic fibrosis.

Ms Tesch said Trikafta was recently recommended by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee to be listed but the Federal Government was yet to do so.

Cystic Fibrosis Australia was calling on the Morrison Liberal Government but its petition still needed the 35,000 signatures to trigger a response from the Minister.

Ms Tesch said: "People with



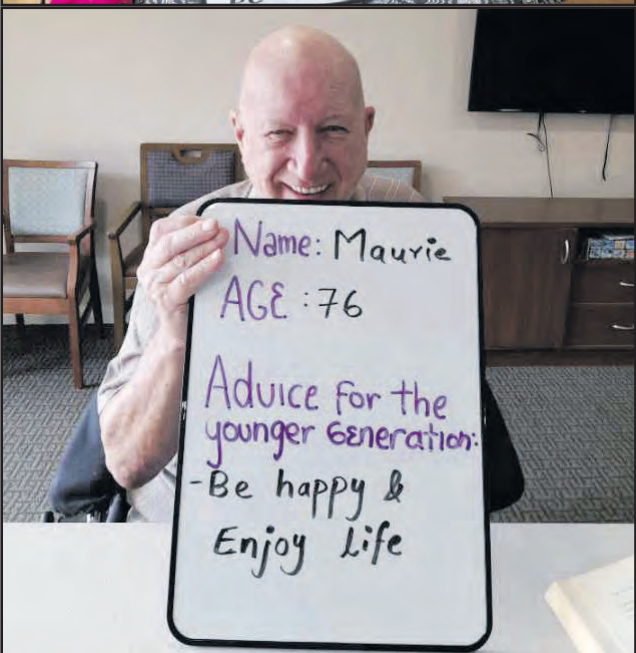
cystic fibrosis are suffering and the out-of-pocket costs of this drug is huge."

Ms Tesch is pictured with cystic fibrosis sufferer Ms Jess Ragusa (left) and Labor candidate for

Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid.

The online petition can be accessed at: <http://www.apf.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN3915>

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Feb 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Advice for youth with the wisdom of age

Residents of a Umina aged care home were asked recently to draw on their life experience for wisdom from which others might benefit.

The residents of Don Leggett House at Peninsula Village were asked to provide "advice for the younger generation".

Pictured are five of the responses. "Their responses were too important not to share and we hope you can take some of this advice into your new week," said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

SOURCE: Social media, 20 Feb 2022
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

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IN THE Arboretum



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March4Justice one year on – working towards change

As the one year anniversary of March4Justice approaches, a movement sparked by Brittany Higgins following allegations of systemic sexual assault and harassment at Parliament House, I am reflecting on the Gosford event.

The dozens of marches held across Australia certainly did send a message to the Prime Minister.

Last year women from all walks of life in our community came forward to march for the same cause. It was an event that resonated with so many."

One of the most impactful conversations I had that day was with a 76-year-old member of our community who had participated in the event to protest for the injustice she suffered at the hands of men.

That day for the first time in her life she participated in a protest,

representing not only herself but also her granddaughter who had experienced sexual violence at the hands of a man as well.

It was stories like this that reflected just how widespread this issue is and how overdue our actions were.

There is still a long way to go for Australia with NSW alone recording sexual assault reports rising 30 per cent in the last three years.

For the Central Coast the figures are confronting with sexual assault reports jumping from 276 sexual assault reports in 2019 to 391 in 2021.

The Central Coast also recorded the highest number of assaults when compared to other NSW local Government areas between January and September.

This reality is hard to comprehend.

This is a devastating result for the Central Coast and I cannot begin to imagine the trauma so many local women are carrying with them every day.

It goes to show why we all, here on the Central Coast and Australia-wide need to fight for justice and have tangible action by our leaders, not just meaningless words.

Local gender-equality activist, school student Phoebe Sheridan, spoke at the March4Justice last year.

She says: "The nationwide march for justice movement helped raise significant awareness for gender in a quality especially for women.

"The Central Coast March grew a crowd of 500 with only a few days' notice highlighting the passion from people in our local area in regards to advocating for

change."

One year later people are still burning with passion.

I've received multiple messages asking about the next Central Coast March4Justice and what they can do to help make a difference.

Although there hasn't been an instantaneous culture shift, the awareness of the issue of consent with the recent passing of the consent education act and a general gain in recognition of the issue highlights the positive effect of march for justice and the Australian of the Year Grace Tame and the brave courageous women who have stood up and spoken about their stories.

Having the opportunity to be a key note speaker at the Central Coast March4Justice was such an honour as I was able to represent a myriad of young people who are facing gender discrimination and

sexual assault.

The plethora of girls in my school alone that have suffered from this is substantial and our voices deserve a chance to be heard, which they were at last year's March4Justice - alongside grandmothers, fathers, mothers, children, other students.

I'm so appreciative to have collaborated with a range of women in speaking at the event last year and I'm talking-chanting-marching with such a loud crowd.

It was truly inspirational.

With the number of people still talking about the event one year later, it clearly highlight its effect and the need for events like it where people of the Central Coast can express their passion together as a community and to work towards change.

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Mar 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Wicks quiet about rail carpark. What next?

It is notable that Lucy Wicks has been preternaturally quiet of late about the ephemeral Gosford and Woy Woy rail car parks.

Normally, there would be an announcement every couple of months that the start of the projects is "imminent", so it would be interesting to know the current state of play, in the lead-up to the soon-to-be-announced election.

Given that NSW Transport has just repaved the Railway St parking lot, it would be easy to conclude that the department doesn't expect this land to become a construction site any time soon, so what site is on offer?

The workable dimensions for a parking structure are such that there is no obvious parcel of land for such a facility in the immediate vicinity of the station, so where is Ms. Wicks going to conjure up the required space?

The obvious place is over the train tracks, but there are severe problems involved in raising a building over operating tracks.

Dealing with the constraints of

maintaining a rail service, while putting in place a heavy structure, leads to significant costs.

Of course, this Government has never been backward about squandering taxpayer funds, if it sees a political advantage in it, so this might not be a consideration.

Alternatively, the structure could be built over Railway St, combining parking with an improved bus interchange: this would come closest to meeting Ms.Wicks' claim that the parking would be "in the station", but the negotiations involved might be long and complicated, perhaps putting the project off for the 2025 election.

In any event, it will be enlightening to see how Ms. Wicks navigates this debacle in the upcoming campaign: she can hardly plausibly make new promises when she is already three years behind with her old ones, but the ingenuity of politicians in putting a new spin on failure can never be discounted.

SOURCE:
Email, 8 Mar 2022
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy



Why is water at lights?

Why is it every time we get a heavy down pour Railway St is flooded around the lights at Deepwater Plaza?

Is it poor road engineering, or just Central Coast Council not cleaning drains out in their push for service reductions to save money?

SOURCE:
Email, 3 Mar 2022
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

Recreational space still not addressed

In 1993, Gosford Council engaged a consultant to conduct a city-wide study of open recreational space.

The consultant explained the study was not comprehensive but still included important conclusions.

The most important comment, I believe, forecast that the unmet demands of the time would not be solved and would be passed on to future residents.

This prediction certainly applies to Rogers Park and Umina high school playing area.

I expect residents have more examples.

However, these two well-known examples should be sufficient,

The main playing area in Rogers Park is shared between sporting codes.

In the past, there was use of the Umina High School grounds.

However, use of that playing area has certainly increased for non-high school activities in recent years.

Population increase is a certainly applying more pressure to open and recreational space, which will continue into the future.

The use of environmental land for mountain bike use is another example of the consultants' prediction in 1993.

Playground facilities were reduced in number by Gosford Council, with the concept of walking to a nearby park being seen to belong in the past.

I seriously doubt there will be quality reports from the Council and State Government in the future, as neither will have the willingness and financial backing to tackle problems.

Not being addressed, current issues will be exacerbated for future residents.

SOURCE:
Letter, 25 Feb 2022
Norm Harris, Umina

Survey needed of climate vulnerabilities

At a glance, the photo on the front page of Peninsula News issue 538 can be easily dismissed as a normal beach scene, if it were not for the impact of climate change.

The Peninsula should be surveyed to identify the most vulnerable areas for climate change impact, and marked accordingly on a Council map.

My question regarding the Ocean Beach staircase is its design.

Has it been engineered to withstand the many variations of coastal processes.

We know climate change is real and will continue to impact the Peninsula.

Shouldn't we know now, before it's too late, which areas of the Peninsula are most vulnerable?

Sea level rise planning levels were adopted by Gosford Council.

However, there is a lot more to the climate change story than planning floor levels.

My nomination for the beachfront most at risk is that from South Umina to the ferry wharf at Ettalong.

SOURCE:
Letter, 26 Feb 2022
Norm Harris, Umina

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Women MPs hear of Pathways to Politics program

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has gathered female members of State Parliament in a bipartisan "Welcome back to Parliament".

Guest speaker was Professor Rosalind Dixon, who is director of the Pathways to Politics Program for Women in NSW.

She spoke of how important it was for females to unite in Parliament, Ms Tesch said.

Ms Tesch said she spoke of the importance of them recognising the differences and their similarities, "including their underrepresentation".

The Pathways to Politics Program aimed to increase female

representation.

Ms Tesch said women were still severely outnumbered in NSW Parliament, making up less than 32 per cent of elected representatives in NSW.

The motto for the event was "when women support women, women win", encouraging women to group together on issues that concern them.

She said that the 20 female parliamentarians attending came from the Labor Party, the Greens Party, the Liberal Party, the Shooters Fishers Farmers Party, the Animal Justice Party and the Independents.

"If you aspire to get involved in politics or become a community

leader you should certainly consider applying for the program," Ms Tesch said

"Our women's gathering at NSW Parliament only emphasised just how underrepresented we are.

"We need to boost our female numbers in Parliament and that could very well start with you."

The free program will select participants based on their applications.

More information on the program is available at <https://www.unsw.edu.au/law-justice/news-events/pathways-politics-program-women-nsw>

SOURCE:

Media release, 28 Feb 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

PCYC to run Easter holiday activities

Umina Beach PCYC is running Easter school holiday activities for five to 12-year-olds.

The cost is \$30 a half day or \$50 a full day for each of the nine days of the program, making the full cost for the whole program \$450.

The program will run for four days from Monday, April 11, to Thursday, April 14.

On the Monday morning, there will be gymnastics and tie dyeing and, in the afternoon, multi-sports and craft.

On the Tuesday, there will be Free G and craft, as well as archery and games.

On the Wednesday, gymnastics and craft will be held, and an Easter egg hunt and Free G in the afternoon.

Trampoline and games will be held on Thursday, as well as

cupcake decorating.

In the following week, activities will be offered from Tuesday to Friday.

Free G and games, as well as archery and craft will be held on Tuesday, April 19.

Trampoline and craft will be held on the Wednesday, as well as Ninja Wars and boxing.

On the Thursday, there will be gymnastics and a scavenger hunt, as well as archery and multi-sports.

Free G and games as well as craft and multi-sports will be held on the Friday as well as on the following Tuesday, April 26.

Those attending should bring a water bottle, food and drink and must wear enclosed shoes

For more information, phone the PCYC on 4344 7851.

SOURCE:

Website, 4 Mar 2022
PCYC Umina

PCYC committee annual meeting

The community engagement committee of the Police Citizens Youth Club at Umina Beach will hold its annual general meeting on Thursday, March 10.

The meeting will be held at 6pm on the PCYC Umina Beach premises.

SOURCE:

Social media, 3 Mar-2022
PCYC Umina Beach



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Education



Hospitality students prepare for breakfast

Year 12 Hospitality students at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have been coming in early to get ready for breakfast service.

"They prepare bacon and egg rolls, ham and cheese pockets, scrambled eggs and bacon and

variety of coffees," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"They then prepare a variety of wraps, sandwiches and salads for lunches.

"It is a great opportunity to get our students job ready for industry."

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Mar 2022
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



'Heart-warming' to see children together again

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School students "feasted on some delicious pancakes" on Shrove Tuesday, March 1.

The school also came together

today for a whole school mass.

"It was so heart warming to see all the children together again for what is such a significant occasion," said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

The school has raised more

than \$758 so far for the Project Compassion Appeal.

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Mar 2022
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy

New online system at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School has provided online access for parents to the school's calendar and newsletter, to their child's academic reports and well as their absences.

The system allows parents to see and explain their children's absences, said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

They may also update their contact details and other information.

They can book parent-teacher interviews and download reports.

The system will "help parents keep in touch with and communicate easily with the school", Ms Campbell said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Feb 2022
Jodie Campbell, EPS

Back on site

Umina Beach Public School welcomed parents and visitors back on site on Monday, February 28.

"We thank our parents and community for working with us during this pandemic to ensure our priorities remain focused on school safety and student learning," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"While on site, we expect that all parents will continue to engage in our school's Covid-safe practices such as safe physical distancing, effective hygiene practices and, if preferred, wearing masks."

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Feb 2022
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



Patting pet python Pebbles

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare has had a visit from a pet spotted python named Pebbles.

Pebbles belongs to a parent of a child at the centre, who brought the snake to show the children.

Some of the children were happy to hold the snake while others just gave Pebbles a pat.

"This experience involved the children developing their dispositions for learning, curiosity, confidence and learning about the natural environment," the teachers explained.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Feb 2022
Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare



Aboriginal studies project recognised with award

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus student Amber Davies has been recognised for her Aboriginal Studies Major Project, with a Griffin of the Week award.

"She is hard work personified,"

said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"Amber will retain an esteemed position in each HSIE classroom's whiteboard for the week - a prestigious honour."

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Feb 2022
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Whole school assembly is held online

Woy Woy South Public School celebrated Feel Good Friday with its first whole school online assembly on February 25.

Principal Mr Matt Barr said: "With covid restrictions slowly lifting we will soon be able to start meeting face to face for different school events."

"Well done to our school leaders

for successfully running our first zoom assembly."

SOURCE:
Website, 25 Feb 2022
Matt Barr, WWSPS

... but nice to have morning assembly again

Woy Woy South Public School started Week 6 with a school assembly.

"It's so nice for Stage 2 and 3

to be able to meet together for a morning assembly again," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Feb 2022
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Students complete Best Start assessments

Year 7 students at the Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have completed their Best Start assessments.

"We are very proud of their effort and mature approach to the three examinations undertaken,"

said campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

"Catch-up sessions will be held for students who have not yet completed the assessments due to absenteeism."

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Mar 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Max becomes lifeguard

Year 11 student Max Hamstra from The Learning Centre at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has become a part-time lifeguard at The Peninsula Leisure Centre.

"He also works at Coles part time and volunteers extra hours

towards his hospitality elective, in the school cafe," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"Needless to say, we are so proud of his work ethic and enthusiasm."

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Feb 2022
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Leadership and passion for the environment wins award



Ethan Hall's leadership and passion for ethical and sustainable environmental management has won him a Griffin of the Week award at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

"Ethan has an outstanding commitment to learning," said principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"He regularly exceeds expectations, going above and beyond in his HSIE classes."

"He demonstrates active citizenship as the coordinator of an environmental conservation organisation, Central Coast School Strike 4 Climate."

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Mar 2022
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

The Wet



Good weather for ... fungi



The recent warm wet weather has been ideal growing conditions for fungi.

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group found “an interesting collection of fungi” at Guyangil park in Australia Ave, Umina.

This park is a project the group claims as one of its successes and one that it is still maintaining.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Mar 2022
Debbie Sunartha, Grow Urban Shade Trees



Water over Railway St

Water covered the road at the corner of Railway St and George St, Woy Woy, after the recent heavy showers.



Run avoids the rain but not the water

Park runners at Woy Woy managed to avoid the rain on Saturday, February 26, despite the weather forecast.

Rain was predicted with 98 to 99 per cent probability between 8am and 9am.

However, there was no rain for the entire run, even if there were lots of puddles and water.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Feb 2022
Beryl Lowry, Woy Woy Parkrun



Debris accumulated on Patonga beach as a result of the recent wet weather.

Coastal Twist full of pride at Sydney Mardi Gras

“We felt such a big feeling of overwhelming love as we entered the stadium, Mardi Gras yet again was a wonderful experience for everyone involved this year,” according to float lead Mr

Shane Milson still buzzing from the weekend

“The vibe was electronic,” he said.

“It came together better than expected.

“Everyone had their base outfit and bedazzled it to bring out their own personality in their Cupid costumes”

“From the sidelines, we watched on with tears in our eyes full of Pride,” said Ettalong’s Coastal Twist organiser Ms Glitta Supernova.

“It looked fantastic.

“Our hearts were bursting seeing how it all came together.

“The team work and the end result at the stadium was stunning,” she said.

“It is so important to celebrate in this day and age.

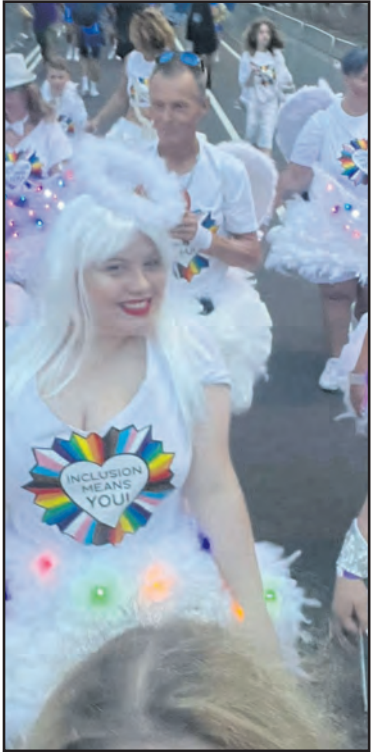
“We still have such a long way to go in the fight for equality.

“Visibility at this level helps break down bias and also shares community, culture and personal stories.

“We had people from so many diverse backgrounds and age ranges it was amazing to see.”

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Mar 2022
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist



Food swap at community garden

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden held its food swap on Sunday, February 27.

A variety of produce was exchanged.

SOURCE:

Social media, 27 Feb 2022
Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden

Sport



Open Girls have soccer victory over Erina

The Brisbane Water Secondary College Opens Girls soccer team had a victory over Erina High School in its first Combined High School Knockout match on Thursday, March 3.

“After what has been a gloomy week of weather, the rain was lucky enough to hold off for our girls to take a 5-0 victory over Erina High School,” said Woy Woy campus

principal Ms Rebecca Cooper. Goals were scored by Mail Batten (2), Bianca Lewis, Charlotte Steed and Chloe Cattley.

“How good do our new representative sports uniforms look!”

Ms Cooper thanked the teachers who gave up their time to take the students to these events.

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Mar-2022 Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Autumn pairs event brings tied result

Brisbane Water Bridge Club’s autumn red point pairs event was contested by 12 pairs.

This was six tables less than in pre-covid times.

Director was Chris Hannan. Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa won the honours east-west with a comfortable two per cent margin.

With north-south, however, it was a different story.

Elaine and Peter Hume (above right) led at times and Barry Foster and Hope Tomlinson (above left) at other stages.

In the final moments, the computer scores flicked our combatants back and forth from first to second.

Finally, the computer handed out a tie.

Meanwhile, the club has started its Novice Teams Club Championship which started on Wednesday, March 2, to be played

over two weeks.

More than half the club membership consists of novice players and 24 of them have signed up for the championship.

SOURCE: Website, 3 Mar 2022 Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Peninsula Junior Touch Association is seeking feedback from members who have participated in touch football competitions this summer.

They have been asked to complete the Touch Football Australia National Survey.

In Brief

Netball meet and greet

Brisbane Water Netball Club’s Meet and Greet morning will be held on Sunday, March 13, at 10:30am at the Lemon Grove Courts.

The committee and coaches will be present.

Teams may have an early training session if they wish.

SOURCE: Social media, 4 Mar 2022 Brisbane Water Netball Club



Postponed

The Ettalong Eagles Netball Club’s Meet and Greet day scheduled for March 2 has been postponed due to the severe weather.

It will be rescheduled and arrangements will be made for uniform collection.

SOURCE: Social media, 1 Mar 2022 Ettalong Eagles Netball Club

More soccer players wanted

Woy Woy soccer club was looking urgently for more players last week.

The club was wanting three or four men for its Mens Over-45s team.

It was also wanting three or four Under-16 girls and five or six women to play in its WAA5 team.

For further information, contact Diane on 0405 248 504.

SOURCE: Social media, 1 Mar 2022 Woy Woy Football Club

Netball reps attend development day

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association representatives attended the Aspire 11s development day at Newcastle courts on Saturday, February 26.

The rain stayed away for a day that gave players and upcoming

umpires the opportunity to learn and develop skills.

Brisbane Water Netball Club “would love to teach you the skills of umpiring”, according to a social media post.

SOURCE: Social media, 26 Feb 2022 Brisbane Water Netball Club



Under-12s win bronze in board relay

Umina Surf Life Saving Club’s under-12s squad was represented by Marli, Leilani and Amber in recent State competition.

They took out the State Bronze

Medal in the Under-12 Board Relay on Friday, February 25.

SOURCE: Social media, 25 Feb 2022 Umina Surf Life Saving Club

Open singles champion

Ettalong Bowling Club player Bailey Meti has won the Bowls Central Coast Zone 15 Open Singles Championship on Sunday, February 27.

The final was played at Ettalong.

SOURCE: Social media, 27 Feb 2022 Peter Springett, Bowls Central Coast

Touch football feedback sought

The aim of the survey is to help improve the competition.

All completed entries will go into the draw for a \$200 Eftpos gift card and a new set of Inferno jerseys.

The survey can be found at <http://bit.ly/tfanationalsurvey22>

SOURCE: Social media, 2 Marc 2022 Peninsula Junior Touch

More coaches wanted

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club is looking for more coaches after an influx of players.

The club has announced its coaches list for the year, but also a number of vacancies.

Coaches are wanted for Under-7C, Under-9B, Under-11B and Under-14GLT/B.

On the list are Under-6A Lachlan Parsons, Under-6B Jimmy Fawcett, Under-7A Mick Markham, Under-7B Shane Ward, Under-8A Billy James, Under-8B Justin McDermott, Under-9A Dale Bolton,

Under-10A Blake McLean, Under-10B Max Coulson, Under-11A Scott Markham/Ian Willis, Under-12A Daniel Markham, Under-13A Bow Goodard, Under-13B Scott Gillan, Under-14A Wayne Callingham and Under-14GLTA Wayne Drewe.

Players are still wanted in Under-6s, Under-7s, Under-8s, Under-9s, Under-10s, Under-11s, Under-13s, Under-14s and Under-14GLT.

SOURCE: Social media, 4 Mar 2022 Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club